

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, September 2010 marks the bicentennial of the start  
2 of the Mexican revolution by Catholic priest and national hero  
3 Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla; and

4           WHEREAS, On September 16, 1810, Father Hidalgo touched off  
5 the long-simmering rebellion when he ordered the arrest of native  
6 Spaniards in the town of Dolores and encouraged the indigenous  
7 peoples of Mexico to overthrow the brutal Spanish regime; the  
8 passionate speech the priest delivered on that day, the *Grito de*  
9 *Dolores*, declaring "death to bad government," has since become  
10 known as the "cry for Mexican independence"; and

11           WHEREAS, Today, Father Hidalgo is revered as the father of  
12 Mexican independence, and his story continues to inspire oppressed  
13 people of all nationalities; the legacy of this remarkable man and  
14 his message of solidarity evoke heartfelt feelings of pride and  
15 patriotism among those who celebrate this momentous event; and

16           WHEREAS, The 200th anniversary of the beginning of the  
17 Mexican War for Independence represents a fitting opportunity to  
18 celebrate the heroism of Father Hidalgo and his revolutionaries,  
19 and the defiant, yet hopeful cry of "Mexicanos, Viva Mexico" is  
20 uttered in proud tribute to their memory; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commemorate the bicentennial in 2010 of Diez y  
23 Seiz de Septiembre and congratulate the citizens of Mexico on this  
24 historic milestone; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for the president of Mexico and other officials of the  
3 Mexican government as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
4 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3123 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House